(c) if so, Government have taken action to remove the said inefficiency?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command had directed his Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General ARK Reddy, to carry out an overall appraisal of the Kargil operations. The appraisal has been completed. It was not in the nature of an enquiry or investigation.

Such appraisals are part of an established practice in the Army and can be ordered by a formation commander with the objective of drawing lessons from an operation for the future.

It is not in public interest to divulge details of the said appraisal.

ISI Entertains IAF Personnel with Liquor

†4740. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is his reaction towards the news-item published in "Punjab Kesri" on 3rd April, 2000 under the caption "I.S.I. vayusena karmion ko sharab or shabab se rijhane lagi" and the steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(b) the details of other areas where it is active at present and the measures which have been taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government has taken note of the reported incident which is under investigation.

There is no let up in the efforts of Pak ISI to foment troubles in various parts of the country. However, security forces and Central/State Inteligence agencies are alert and taking appropriate measures to counter the threats.

NHRC Report for 1997-98

4741. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission report for 1997-98 has stressed the need for keeping the institutions of governance in state of repair and framing social and economic policies which are responsive to the rights of the most vulnerable sections of society;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government agree with this view of the Commission; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Annual Report of the National Human Rights Commission for the year 1997-98 along with Action Taken Memorandum has been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha. The Action Taken Memorandum gives details of action initiated by the Government in eradicating illiteracy, poverty alleviation by generating more employment, specially in rural areas, in providing drinking water facilities, in improving rural sanitation, devising strategies for eliminating child labour and creating nutritional awareness at all levels.

Investigation of Murder Cases

4742. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests were received by his Ministry in October, 1999 to get murder cases investigated;

(b) if so, the details thereof, States and territory-wise;

(c) whether any replies to these requests stating latest position of the investigations have since been sent to complainants;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether his Ministry propose to prescribe some time limit to reply the complaints of investigation relating to murder cases; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (f) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including the investigation of murder cases, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The requests received by the Central Government for investigation of murder cases are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for further necessary action. No data is being maintained about the number of such requests received.